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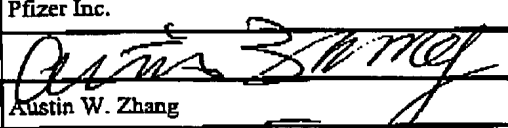
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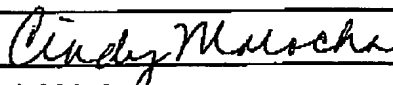
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Communication mailed 07/22/2005, which issues an Election/Restriction requirement. The Office Communication states that "Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the instant application" and has divided claims 1-35 into a total of six groups (I-VI). Applicant's record shows, however, that the pending claims in the application, on the one hand, do not include claims 5-9, 18, 23-26, and 35, which are identified by the Examiner as pending, and, on the other hand, include claims 36-39, which are not addressed in the Office Action. Upon inquiry of the Applicant's attorney regarding the discrepancy, the Examiner, in a telephone message of August 17, 2005, to Applicant's attorney, clarified that there is an inadvertent error in Office Action as to the pending claims, but nonetheless asked Applicant to proceed with a reply. Upon further inquiry of Applicant's attorney regarding claims 36-39, in a telephone message on August 18, 2005, the Examiner told the Applicant's attorney to make his own groupings and make the election according to the groupings, and that the Examiner will examine the claims. Applicant and their attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's telephone messages and clarifications. However, Applicant believe that claims 36-39 may not be properly restricted from any other pending claims, nor can be

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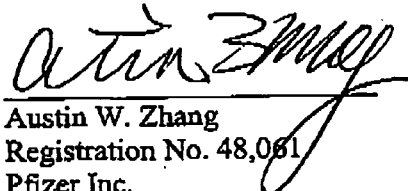
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properly grouped with some pending claims in the exclusion of others. Accordingly, Applicant is unable to group claims 36-39 separately, with any groups identified by the Examiner, or in any other way. As such, Applicant is unable to respond to the restriction requirement. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that all the pending claims be examined together. Should the Examiner insist on a restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that a new Office Action that addresses all pending claims be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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